

RNAV NPRM, Docket No. FAA-2002-14002; Notice No. 02-20

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Docket Management System  
US Department of Transportation  
Room PL 401  
400 Seventh, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sirs:

Continental Airlines strongly requests extending the comment period for the RNAV NPRM, Docket No. FAA-2002-14002; Notice No. 02-20. The definitions of precision and non-precision approaches, definitions of CAT1/2/3, and lack of harmonization with international authorities need more detailed discussion by industry experts, as there will be far reaching changes in our airspace system when these changes are incorporated.

There is very little language regarding Required Navigation Performance (RNP), a cornerstone of our future airspace system, endorsed by the FAA Administrator.

These are just a few of our concerns.

A 90 day extension of the comment period should be adequate to address the industry concerns to this important document. Please consider extending the comment period so the concerns above can be addressed.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Abbott', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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